## Remarks

Although the Applicant maintains his arguments for patentability, in efforts to gain issuance of allowed claims 26-28, the Applicant elects to cancel the rejected claims and pursue these claims in a continuation application. Additionally, the Applicant acknowledges the objection to claims 14, 15 and 21 and hereby cancels these claims.

In addition to claims 26-28, the Applicant respectfully requests issuance of claims 24 and 29-31. These claims depend either from allowed claim 26 or claim 28 and further limit the claim by requiring the structural elements to be formed of a particular material or composition.

## Conclusi n

The Applicant submits that all pending claims, 24, and 26-31 are in condition for allowance and request the allowance of the pending claims.

This response is timely filed, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Rosenbaum & Associates, P.C. deposit account No. 18-2000.

Should the Examiner require any further information or wish to discuss an aspect of this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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